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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 December 2009.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7,9,10,13-29 and 31 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7,9,10,13-29 and 31 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 30 December 2009 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 6) ☐ Other: _____

1. The drawings were received on 12/30/09. These drawings are accepted.
2. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.
3. Claims 1-7,9,10,13-29 and 31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.
4. Claim 1 recites the limitation "the bottom-side region and the teat-side region" in line 5. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.
5. Claim 2 recites "a cap" in the last line. This appears to be a double inclusion of the base cap in claim 1 as applicant hasn't established a clear relationship between the two.
6. The claim for "a sleeve cap" in line 2 of claim 3 appears to be a double inclusion of a cap in claim 2 for the same reason .
7. Claim 7 recites the limitation "the cup-shaped design" in the line 2. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.
8. Claims 1-7, 9, 10, and 28 insofar as they are definite are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bisgaard et al '491 in view of Brown et al '801, of record.
9. Bisgaard et al teach a bottle open at both ends and having threads to receive a sleeve cap to hold the teat and a base cap with an air intake valve, as claimed. To have alternately formed the bottle of Bisgaard et al of a conical shape which widens toward the bottom would have been obvious in view of Brown et al.

10. Claims 13-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the references as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Renz '228, of record.

11. To have formed the teat or nipple with a greater thickness in the shaft to simulate natural nursing in the manner of Renz would have been obvious.

12. Claims 18-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the references as applied to claim 14 above, and further in view of Barr et al '569.

To have provided the nipple with ribs to prevent nipple collapse would have been obvious in view of Barr et al.

13. Claim 21 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the references as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Sakashita '938.

To have designed the nipple with the shape of Sakashita would have been obvious.

14. Claims 24-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the references as applied to claim 14 above, and further in view of Randolph '121, of record.

15. To have formed the nipples with a textured surface would have been obvious in view of Randolph.

16. Claim 27 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the references as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Gu ;323, of record.

To have formed the nipple of a TPE in the manner of Gu would have been obvious..

17. Claim 31 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the references as applied to claim 29 above, and further in view of Ida et al '850, of record.

To have molded the bottle from a transparent polypropylene would have been obvious in view of Ida et al.

18. Applicant's arguments, see page 11 of the amendment, filed 12/30/09, with respect to the objection to the abstract and drawings have been fully considered and are persuasive. The objections to the abstract and of the drawings have been withdrawn.

19. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-7,9,10,13-29 and 31 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection. Claims 8, 11, 12 and 30 have been canceled

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor is Anthony Slashick_. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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